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Good morning Senator Doyle and Representative Taborsak and other distinguished members of the committee I am Mike Morrissey, from Glastonbury. I am also the Connecticut State Director to the National Propane Gas Association. Today, I represent our local trade association members who provide propane gas service to our state. I am here to comment on S.B. No. 207 An Act Concerning Residential Heating Oil and Propane Contracts

This bill is the product of a lot of hard work on the part of government and industry over the last four years. Our industry continues to enjoy terrific growth and it is important to consumers who elect to use propane, be provided with guidelines that promote the ability to choose providers and compare offers seamlessly. As we have grown as an industry this has not always been the case. This bill offers some real improvement for consumers when it comes to buying propane in our state.

Although the language of this bill is a very good start, it needs some additional work. Our industry has been working very hard with DCP over the last few weeks on the language of this bill so consumers will find it easier to shop for propane in our state. I am very confident and hopeful, this effort between industry and government will continue and will result in substitute language that will benefit all parties who oversee, provide or purchase propane in Connecticut.

I would be happy to answer any questions now. Thank you.